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CALL EVERY FAIRFAX COUNTY SUPERVISOR

Before 5 p.m. on July 11, 2016

Today when I asked Clayton Medford, Chief of Staff to Chairman Sharon Bulova, how can the Clifton Community guide the BoS to file objections to the Silent Road Winery and Silent Road Brewery he told me to take the following action.

--- Have the Clifton Community call every member of the Board of Supervisors and say "The Clifton Community wants Fairfax County to object to the ABC license application for "Silent Road Winery and Silent Road Brewery" ---

The BoS is meeting in closed session Tuesday July 12 to discuss both Silent Road ABC applications (and other business).

THIS IS A NUMBERS GAME. JUST CALL.

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Impact of One Farm Winery



Presented by the Clifton Coalition to the Clifton Town Council

July 5, 2016

Clifton Coalition Goal

There is only one goal, we hope that the Town of Clifton's Council and its citizens will join us.

Stop the award of ABC licenses to

Silent Road Winery

Silent Road Brewery

What We Expected

Excerpts from the 2009 ABC Board PSW License Hearing Documents

“Mr. Wiles stressed that he has worked long and hard in developing this winery and that he intends to keep it small. He has two small tasting areas that could normally accommodate 12 to 15 people. He is considering limiting the number of people visiting the winery to 50 or 60 people at one time. His stated intention is to preserve a family relic and maintain the rural nature of the property.” *

“It should also be noted that the ABC Act contains sufficient safeguards to allow the continued monitoring of the operations of ABC licensees by ABC enforcement agents. If conditions change or it is later determined that there is a substantial interference with the peace and quietude of the neighborhood residents, disciplinary charges may be brought against the licensee.” *

*** = emphasis added**

Expectations vs. Reality

- 50-75 people per day on weekends
- 30 cars per day on weekends
- Rural nature of property maintained
- Continued peace, tranquility and quietude of neighborhood
- Safety, security and welfare of neighborhood not adversely impacted
- Continued monitoring of operations by state and local officials

- 700-1000 people per day on weekends
- **600** cars per day on weekends, documented by FCPD
- Construction of large tasting room to replace "the family relic"
- Clear cutting of five-acres of trees for a parking lot
- Neighbors cannot walk their dogs on YFR anymore
- Unlimited special events bring patrons by buses and limousines
- Drunks hooting and hollering and hanging out of car windows
- People pulling into driveways and having drunk arguments
- People stopping and vomiting by Clifton Cemetery
- Lots of traffic noise and car horns
- Trash, trash, trash
- Cars running off the road causes property damage
- Car accidents
- Constant fear of sideswipes
- Cars running stop sign at Yates Ford Road & Kincheloe
- Limited monitoring by ABC, primarily statutory requirements, # tons of grapes grown in Virginia...
- No involvement by Fairfax County

No Going Back

- **No option but to stop award of the ABC license**
 - Once issued for a farm brewery or a farm winery the operator has free rein, there is no “stopping the ship” or “adjusting course”
- In August of 2015 the Clifton Coalition met with the ABC:
 - When asked if any farm distillery, farm winery or farm brewery had ever had a license revoked, suspended or amended, the Director of the ABC Enforcement Division said answer was “NO”
 - There is only one ABC agent assigned to monitor all the farm breweries, farm distilleries and farm wineries in Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William, Stafford and Fauquier counties. She does more with her day than most super-heroines do; nonetheless 1 person is 1 person.
- **Fairfax County has no ordinances to regulate the operation of farm wineries, farm distilleries or farm breweries**

This is not a Drill !!!!!

- **We are fighting for the equity in our homes.**
- **We are fighting for this wonderful place we call Clifton.**
- **Take Action, Stand Up and be Counted**
 - **The ABC has told us that objections by Elected Officials and local citizens will have weight**
 - **Every member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors MUST hear from you before July 11, close of business.**

EXAMPLE FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

How to file an ABC Objection

1. **As soon as possible complete the steps in this letter.**
2. E-mail ABC Senior Special Agent Katie Kelly at katie.kelly@abc.virginia.gov
3. The ABC considers limited reasons when evaluating objection comments. Focus on these.
 - harm to property values
 - disturbance of peace, quiet and tranquility
 - problems you've already experienced living near or visiting Paradise Springs Winery
4. Write one e-mail for Silent Road LLC Winery (#90379), sample text follows. 'Sign' the e-mail with your name and address and title if you are an elected official.
5. Write one e-mail for Silent Road LLC Brewery (#90378), sample text follows. 'Sign' the e-mail with your name and address and title if you are an elected official.